



IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

May 7, 2007

Applicant : Armin Diez  
For : FUEL CELL UNIT, COMPOSITE BLOCK OF FUEL CELLS AND  
METHOD FOR MANUFACTURING A COMPOSITE BLOCK OF  
FUEL CELLS  
Serial No. : 10/674,202 Group: 1745  
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Confirmation No. 4773

Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
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RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

Dear Sir:

Applicant hereby responds to communication mailed June 21, 2006, requiring election among Group I claims 1, 32-48, 56-62, 63-80, and 88-94 drawn to fuel cell units and Group II claims 49-55 and 81-87 drawn to a composite block of fuel cells as well as election of species from among Species 1-5.

Applicant hereby elects the Group I claims 1, 32-48, 56-62, 63-80, and 88-94 for initial prosecution.

However, Applicant believes the Group II claims 49-55 and 81-87 can be examined with the Group I claims since the Group II claims depend from independent claims 1 or 63 of the Group I claims. Applicant requests the examiner to reconsider the request for restriction between the Group I and II claims and concurrently examine both the Group I and II claims, or alternately at least reconsider the Group II claims for allowance once the Group I claims are found allowable.

Applicant hereby elects to prosecute Species 2 of Figure 9. Claims 1, 32-46, 56-78, and 88-94 are believed to read on Species 2.

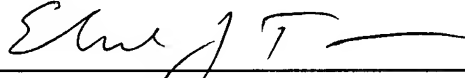
Applicant requests the examiner to reconsider the non-elected Species 1 and 3-5 and claims readable thereon once the claims readable on Species 2 are found allowable.

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Applicant reserves the right to prosecute the non-elected Group II claims and Species 1 and 3-5 at a later date by way of divisional application(s) or other means if necessary.

Favorable action is requested.

Respectfully submitted,

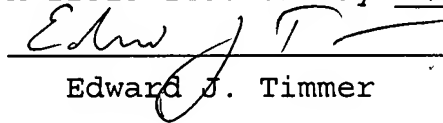


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